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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

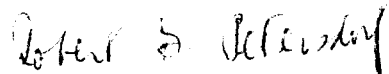
Recently my associates and I have been trying to define the role of E. coli protoplasts in the pathogenesis of experimental pyelonephritis. Most of the methods we are using to separate protoplasts from E. coli were gleaned from your publications.

One of my associates, Doctor James J. Florde, will be in the San Francisco area during the Christmas holiday and we are hoping that you or one of your associates might be able to chat with him for a short while about some of the pitfalls involved in the methodology of growing the protoplasts and separating them from the bacterial forms. I have asked Doctor Florde to give you a call on Thursday, December 27th in the hope that you or one of your co-workers might find some time to meet with him.

Thank you in advance for this courtesy.

Many good wishes for a holiday season.

Very sincerely yours,



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